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The following information was received from Dr. Juan Andres Ramirez, editor of the Uruguayan evening paper, El Plata, who in turn got it from Pedro Saenz. Saenz, a member of the Herrerista Party, is a well-known industrialist and financier and was a member of the Uruguayan delegation to the United Nations in Paris.

1. Saenz reputedly told Dr. Ramirez that upon his return from Paris he was very much surprised to learn in conversation with Dr. Luis Alberto de Herrera, leader of the Herrerista Party of Uruguay, that the latter was quite hopeful of winning the next presidential election in Uruguay. Herrera stated that one of the reasons for his belief in his own success was an agreement which he had made with the Communist Party of Uruguay (CPU).
2. The Herreristas have promised the CPU that their delegation in the Uruguayan Congress would vote against the "desafuero" (the removal of Congressional immunity for the purpose of trying a member of the House of Deputies for a criminal offense) of Rodney Arismendi for his alleged part in the Communist attack on the Trocadero Theater at the time of the showing of The Iron Curtain.* In return, the CPU promised to support Herrera's candidacy in the next Presidential elections.

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